

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks. Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 18, 31, 35 have been amended and claim 2 has been canceled. New claims 36-44 are presented. Accordingly, claims 1-25 and 30-44 are pending.

Claims 31-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in proper condition according to §112. Please note the description of paragraph [23.5] added via preliminary amendment to further describe that which was already disclosed in the Figure 1.

Claims 1-8, 15-16, 18-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Lacovara (April 2000)*. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. *Lacovara* discloses only generally that the “molds travel on a conveyor system which cycles through the gel coat applicator area.” *Lacovara* fails to disclose transiting the plurality of open molds through a spraying operation as a multiple of sets in which each set includes a reoccurring sequence of open molds in which each open mold within each set is on a different lap. The claims are properly allowable.

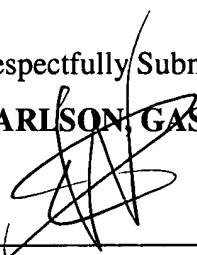
Claims 9-14, 17 and 22-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lacovara (April 2000)* in view of *Larsen (5069267)*. The Examiner admits that *Lacovara (April 2000)* does not teach moving parts of the molds onto a separate line. *Lacovara* fails to meet the limits of the amended claims as described above. The 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection therefore fails at least for that basis.

New claims 36-44 recite further features of the present invention which are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references and are thus properly allowable.

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Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

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